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" (c) The sanctioned number of seats in the college in the B.A. and Intermediate classes for the year 1954–55 are 91 and 234 respectively. So the permitted number of students selected by the Selection Committee from among the applicants was admitted and the rest rejected."

Industrial dispute between the management and workers of the St. Vincent Industrials, Kozhikode.

* 635 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have started any conciliation proceedings regarding the labour dispute between the management of the St. Vincent Industrials, Kozhikode, Malabar district, and the St. Vincent Industrial Workers' Union on the issue of bonus for 1952–53; and

(b) if so, with what result?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The dispute has been referred to the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore for adjudication."

Steps taken to withdraw recognition of the Azhikode South Higher Elementary School for refusal to reinstate certain teachers.

* 636 Q.—Dr. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders were passed by the Director of Public Instruction against the Manager, Azhikode South Higher Elementary School, who refused to reinstate the three teachers dismissed by him;

(b) if so, whether the management carried out these orders; and

(c) if the management did not carry out the orders, whether the Government have taken any further action in the matter?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) to (c) The Director of Public Instruction directed the District Educational Officer, North Malabar, to frame charges against the management so as to enable him to withdraw the recognition of the school. In the meantime the manager of the school filed a writ petition in the High Court. The result of this awaited."

Assistance to the handloom weavers of the Malabar district.

* 637 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the proposals of the State Handloom Board to give assistance to the handloom weavers of the Malabar district; and

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(b) how much money has been spent in the State and in Malabar on this score since question No. 57 was answered on 16th July 1953?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The State Handloom Committee did not make any specific proposal for giving assistance to the handloom weavers in Malabar district. The Committee decided that a Joint Stock Company should be formed in each district to help the weavers outside the co-operative fold. Details of this proposal for forming Joint Stock Companies are being worked out by the Director of Industries and Commerce. The Director of Industries and Commerce had submitted a scheme for grant of loans from Cess Fund to handloom factories in Malabar district for working capital. This scheme was not approved by the Government of India. At the instance of the State Handloom Committee, the Director of Industries and Commerce suggested that this scheme may be implemented by the State Government with their own resources. Pending the finalization of liberalized terms of financial aid to small scale and cottage industries under the State Aid to Industries Act, the suggestion of the Director of Industries and Commerce was not accepted.

" (b) Rs. 21,78,625 and Rs. 1,04,578 were spent from the Cess Fund up to 30th September 1954 on the development of handloom industry in the State and in the Malabar district respectively. Under the Relief Scheme, subsidy granted from State Funds for recouping business losses amounted to Rs. 2,50,119 for the entire State and to Rs. 27,477 for the Malabar district. The Relief Scheme was closed on 1st February 1954."

Grant of increment to the untrained teachers of the Lower Elementary Secondary Grade.

* 638 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 11–30 a.m.

(a) how many lower elementary untrained teachers there are in the State;

(b) their scale of pay as sanctioned by the Government; and

(c) whether they are eligible to the increment of Rs. 2 and Rs. 3 already sanctioned by the Government in favour of elementary school teachers on two prior occasions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The number of such teachers continuing in service is not available but it will be very negligible

" (b) Scale of teaching grant Rs. 11 per mensem plus Dearness Allowance of Rs. 18.

" (c) They are not eligible for the increment of Rs. 2 and Rs. 3 already sanctioned by the Government as the increase in pay is applicable only to the trained teachers of the Higher Elementary Secondary Grade and Collegiate grade teachers."